

Economic Impact Statement

LSA Document #12-4

IC 4-22-2.1-5 Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses

IC 4-22-2.1-5(a) provides that an agency intending to adopt a rule under IC 4-22-2 that will impose requirements on small businesses must prepare a statement that describes the annual economic impact of the rule on small businesses after the rule is fully implemented as described in IC 4-22-2.1-5(b).

Description of Rulemaking

LSA Document #12-4, concerning freestanding birthing center services, adds 405 IAC 5-16.5 for purposes of including freestanding birthing center services as services covered by Medicaid, and including definitions, eligibility requirements, description of covered services, and the reimbursement of covered services. Statutory authority: IC 12-8-6-5.5, IC 12-15-1-10, IC 12-15-1-15, and IC 12-15-21-2.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

1. An estimate of the number of small businesses, classified by industry sector, that will be subject to the proposed rule.

The proposed rule does not impact current operations for the two freestanding birthing centers already licensed by the state (i.e., Indiana State Department of Health), unless the facilities choose to enroll as Medicaid providers and to receive reimbursement for rendering allowable services to Medicaid recipients.

2. An estimate of the average annual reporting, record keeping, and other administrative costs that small business will incur to comply with the proposed rule.

No small business will incur any additional costs.

3. An estimate of the total annual economic impact that compliance will have on small businesses subject to the rule.

There is no annual economic impact on small businesses.

4. A statement justifying any requirement or cost that is imposed by the rule and not expressly required by law. The statement must reference any data, studies, or analyses relied upon by the agency in determining imposition of the requirement or cost is necessary.

The proposed rule amendment will not impose any additional cost or requirement on small business that is not expressly required by law.

5. Any regulatory flexibility analysis that considers any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the same purpose.

There are no alternative methods of achieving the same purpose as the proposed rule and still being compliant with the federal legislation requiring this kind of facility, freestanding birthing centers.

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